

## INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

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PCT/FR2004/002521A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER  
IPC 7 G05G1/10 G05G9/047

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## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)  
IPC 7 G05G

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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**A. CLASSEMENT DE L'OBJET DE LA DEMANDE**  
CIB 7 G05G1/10 G05G9/047

Selon la classification internationale des brevets (CIB) ou à la fois selon la classification nationale et la CIB

**B. DOMAINES SUR LESQUELS LA RECHERCHE A PORTE**

Documentation minimale consultée (système de classification suivi des symboles de classement)  
CIB 7 G05G

Documentation consultée autre que la documentation minimale dans la mesure où ces documents relèvent des domaines sur lesquels a porté la recherche

Base de données électronique consultée au cours de la recherche internationale (nom de la base de données, et si réalisable, termes de recherche utilisés)  
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## PCT

### RAPPORT PRÉLIMINAIRE INTERNATIONAL SUR LA BREVETABILITÉ (chapitre I du Traité de coopération en matière de brevets)

(règle 44bis du PCT)

Référence du dossier du déposant ou du mandataire PVVREBR048565	POUR SUITE À DONNER	Voir le point 4 ci-dessous
Demande internationale no. PCT/FR2004/002521	Date du dépôt international ( <i>jour/mois/année</i> ) 06 October 2004 (06.10.2004)	Date de priorité ( <i>jour/mois/année</i> ) 14 October 2003 (14.10.2003)
Classification internationale des brevets (8 <sup>e</sup> édition, sauf indication d'une édition antérieure) Voir les informations pertinentes dans le formulaire PCT/ISA/237		
Déposant BOSCH REXROTH D.S.I.		

1. Le présent rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité (chapitre I) est établi par le Bureau international au nom de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale selon la règle 44bis.1.a).

2. Ce RAPPORT comprend un total de 5 feuilles, y compris la présente feuille de couverture.

Dans les feuilles jointes, toute référence à l'opinion écrite de l'administration chargée de la recherche internationale doit être entendue, à la place, comme une référence au rapport préliminaire international sur la brevetabilité (chapitre I).

3. Le présent rapport contient des indications relatives aux points suivants :

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cadre n° I    | Base de l'opinion   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Cadre n° II   | Priorité  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Cadre n° III  | Absence de formulation d'opinion quant à la nouveauté, l'activité inventive et la possibilité d'application industrielle  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Cadre n° IV   | Absence d'unité de l'invention  |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Cadre n° V    | Déclaration motivée selon l'article 35.2) quant à la nouveauté, l'activité inventive et la possibilité d'application industrielle; citations et explications à l'appui de cette déclaration |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Cadre n° VI   | Certains documents cités  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Cadre n° VII  | Certaines irrégularités relevées dans la demande internationale   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Cadre n° VIII | Certaines observations relatives à la demande internationale  |

4. Le Bureau international communiquera le présent rapport aux offices désignés conformément aux règles 44bis.3.c) et 93bis.1 mais pas avant l'expiration du délai de 30 mois à compter de la date de priorité (règle 44bis.2), sauf si le déposant a présenté une requête expresse à cet égard en vertu de l'article 23.2).

	Date d'établissement du présent rapport 27 July 2006 (27.07.2006)
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# PATENT COOPERATION TREATY

Translation

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## PCT

WRITTEN OPINION OF THE  
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(PCT Rule 43bis.1)

To:

Date of mailing (day/month/year) **See Form PCT/ISA/210 (sheet 2)**

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**FOR FURTHER ACTION**  
See paragraph 2 below

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Applicant  
**BOSCH REXROTH D.S.I.**

1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. I    | Basis of the opinion   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. II   | Priority   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. III  | Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. IV   | Lack of unity of invention   |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Box No. V    | Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. VI   | Certain documents cited  |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. VII  | Certain defects in the international application   |
| <input type="checkbox"/>            | Box No. VIII | Certain observations on the international application  |

2. **FURTHER ACTION**

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

If this opinion is, as provided above, considered to be a written opinion of the IPEA, the applicant is invited to submit to the IPEA a written reply together, where appropriate, with amendments, before the expiration of 3 months from the date of mailing of Form PCT/ISA/220 or before the expiration of 22 months from the priority date, whichever expires later.

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Box No. I

Basis of this opinion

1. With regard to the language, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.  
☐ This opinion has been established on the basis of a translation from the original language into the following language  
\_\_\_\_\_, which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of international search (under Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b)).
2. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the international application and necessary to the claimed invention, this opinion has been established on the basis of:
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☐ a sequence listing  
☐ table(s) related to the sequence listing
  - b. format of material  
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  - c. time of filing/furnishing  
☐ contained in the international application as filed.  
☐ filed together with the international application in computer readable form.  
☐ furnished subsequently to this Authority for the purposes of search.
3. ☐ In addition, in the case that more than one version or copy of a sequence listing and/or table(s) relating thereto has been filed or furnished, the required statements that the information in the subsequent or additional copies is identical to that in the application as filed or does not go beyond the application as filed, as appropriate, were furnished.
4. Additional comments:

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;  
citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement			
Novelty (N)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	1-9	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations:

1. Reference is made to the following document:

D1: EP1262854

2. The document D1, which is regarded as the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, describes (the references between parentheses apply to this document):

Control handle (1) for a public works vehicle, comprising a core (2a, 2b) having an inner cavity (between 2a and 2b), on which are mounted control elements (18) that include buttons and/or sliding members (3a, 3b) designed to be actuated by an operator in order to enable the different functions of the vehicle to be controlled.

The subject matter of claim 1 differs from the above in that:

the core is covered over at least part of its surface by an envelope consisting of a layer of at least one heat-curable polymer foam cast at low pressure.

3. The subject matter of claim 1 is therefore novel

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Box No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability;  
citations and explanations supporting such statement

(PCT Article 33(2)).

4. The problem that the present invention is intended to solve can thus be considered to be that of producing a control handle of specific shape that is impervious to water infiltration.

The solution to this problem, as proposed in claim 1 of the present application, is considered to involve an inventive step (PCT Article 33(3)), for the following reasons: the use of a heat-curable polymer foam to guarantee the leaktightness of a control handle on the one hand, the polymer of which is cast at low pressure, and on the other hand a manufacturing process that has no need of costly moulds since they are not subject to high pressure is not disclosed in the prior art nor rendered obvious.

5. Claims 2-9 are dependent on claim 1 and thus also comply, as such, with the requirements of novelty and inventive step of the PCT.